

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 4050-01
BILL NO.: HB 1701
SUBJECT: Department of Agriculture; Weights and Measures Fees
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 2, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue Fund	(\$137,659)	(\$275,317)	(\$275,317)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$137,659)	(\$275,317)	(\$275,317)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

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ASSUMPTION

The **Office of Administration** and the **Office of the State Treasurer** assume their agencies would not be administratively impacted by this proposal.

The **Department of Agriculture (AGR)** assumes this proposal would eliminate the fees collected for the inspection of weighing and measuring devices regulated in Chapter 413. The AGR assumes the inspection and certification of weighing and measuring devices would continue. The AGR estimates this proposal would result in a loss of revenue of \$137,659 in FY 2001 and \$275,317 in FY 2002 and FY 2003. The AGR determined the loss of revenue by ascertaining actual fee and penalty collections for FY 1999 and by assuming the collection of fees would remain consistent through FY 2003. Proposed changes would not take effect until January 1, 2001; therefore, only the last six months of FY 2001 would be affected by this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

<u>Loss - Department of Agriculture</u>			
Elimination of certain inspection fees	<u>(\$137,659)</u>	<u>(\$275,317)</u>	<u>(\$275,317)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses that own weighing and measuring devices regulated by Chapter 413 would no longer pay scale inspection fees. Additionally, businesses would realize a reduction in the paperwork that was generated to process these fee payments.

DESCRIPTION

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Currently, the Director of the Department of Agriculture establishes a fee schedule for metrology calibration and precision calibration based on the previous year's fee collections which are not to exceed the cost of operating the metrology laboratory for the ensuing year. This bill requires that as of January 1, 2001, the director is to fix the rate schedule at a rate not to exceed \$60 per hour but not less than \$25 per hour for precision calibration.

The bill also removes the fee schedule for scales, taximeters, and vehicle tank meters.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Agriculture
Office of Administration
Office of the State Treasurer

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
February 2, 2000